# **Safe Meds & Sharps Disposal**

ecent studies show traces of prescription medications in the wastewater treatment system, which leads to surface water pollution. Household flushing of prescription drugs affects plant and marine life. Aquatic organisms may have

altered behavior, decreased fertility or growth, gender ratio imbalance, or poor egg hatching. With soiled water supplies, human and animal life are also influenced.

### Pharmaceutical Disposal Locations

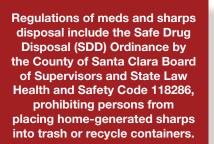
Disposable meds include unused or expired needles, expired prescription drugs, and over-the-counter medications.

mproper dumping and incorrect disposal of sharps alter the environment by increasing chances of possible needle-stick injury. Such injuries may include serious health infections: Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C, or HIV. Recycling and

garbage and sewage workers, janitors, housekeepers, and household members are at higher risk of harm as well.

### **Sharps Disposal Locations**

Disposable sharps include hypodermic syringes, lancets, and other medical devices used for self-injection or blood tests. Safely discard used sharps in an approved container.



For a list of drop off locations, please visit <u>www.HHW.org</u> or call (408) 299-7300



# NEVER FLUSH MEDICATIONS DOWN THE TOILET!

# Local Milpitas Meds Drop-Off Locations Valley Medical Center

143 N. Main St. Milpitas, CA 95035 (888) 334-1000 Monday–Friday 9AM–5PM (Main lobby near lobby restrooms)

### Santa Clara County Sheriff-Department Headquarters

55 W. Younger Ave San Jose, CA 95110 (Located in the main lobby) (408) 808-4405 Open 24 hours, 7 days a week County of Santa Clara Residents Only



Approved containers must be rigid, puncture and leak resistant, unbreakable with a tight lid and label of "Sharps Waste" or an International Biohazard label. Milk jugs, glass jars, and soda bottles are not permitted.

## NEVER PLACE SHARPS DISPOSAL CONTENTS IN RECYCLING OR GARBAGE CONTAINERS!

### **Local Milpitas Sharps Drop-Off Location**

### **HHW Program**

Must schedule a drop-off appointment at <a href="https://www.HHW.org">www.HHW.org</a> OR the HHW hotline (408) 299-7300

